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November 15

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'Serving Our Nations'

November 9, 2016

Bison Bistro
Washington, DC 20240



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Thomas H. Begay is a World War II veteran having served as a Navajo Code Talker in the U.S.M.C. 5th Marine Division. A survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima where the Code Talkers played a significant role in securing that victory. Mr. Begay also served in the U.S. Army, 7th Division during the Korean War. After his military service, he began a 40-year career in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs ending his federal service as a Line Officer for Trust programs at the Chinle Agency in Arizona. In 2001, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor from President George W. Bush. To this day, he continues to travel, participate in various parades, military functions and speaking engagements.

SENECA SMOKE DANCERS



John Block is a member of the Bear Clan of the Seneca Nation. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States as a dancer, singer and emcee of native events, particularly pow-wows. He has spent a lifetime educating people about Seneca songs, dances and culture. John lives in Salamanca, NY with his partner and five kids.



Dylan Harris is a member of the Turtle Clan of the Seneca Nation. He's been dancing since he could walk. A Senior at Salamanca High School, he travels with his family throughout the country, demonstrating the songs, dances and culture of the Seneca people. In Niagara Falls, NY he works part with his grandfather dancing in a theater production called Thundering Water.



Abigail John is a member of the Turtle Clan of the Seneca Nation. 15 years old, Abigail lives in Steamburg, NY with her parents and three siblings where she attends Coldspring Longhouse Ceremonies & Social Dancing. A passion for dancing since the age of 4, she has studied everything from tap, jazz, ballet, to hip-hop.

Program

Master of Ceremony

Clayton Old Elk

Blessing

Clayton Old Elk

Presentation of Colors

United States Park Police Honor Guard

Flag/Veteran Song

Black Bear Drum Group

Welcoming Remarks

Lawrence S. Roberts

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Keynote Address

Thomas H. Begay

Native Dance Demonstration

Smoke Dancers

Closing Remarks

Michael Black

Senior Advisor to the BIA Director

Closing Prayer

Clayton Old Elk

Retire Colors

U.S. Park Police Honor Guard

Traveling Song

Black Bear Drum Group

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